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## Snow Mountains Returned Dec. 7



City workers cleared the streets in the early morning of Wednesday, December 7, after nearly four inches of fluffy white snow fell in the Ellendale area. To facilitate parking on Main Street, it is necessary after such snowfalls to pile the white precipitation at one or more intersections until it can be hauled away with dump trucks. Meanwhile, motorists have the chance to decide how to navigate these "temporary roundabouts" when making a left turn. Do they drive all the way around, them or take the short cut and turn in front of the piles? For safety's sake, most authorities would advise driving around the pile, while watching closely for any cars or pedestrians that may be blocked from view.

The big piles on the west and east sides of Main Street were quickly hauled away Thursday morning, but not before the *Leader* photographer could climb up on the one at the east end and take a few telephoto shots. In a part of the country where there aren't many mountains, these add a bit of variety to the scenery.

## Study: Agriculture Contributes \$30.8 billion to State's Economy

**By Jenny Schlecht, AgWeek**

BISMARCK, N.D. — Agriculture has long been considered a major economic driver in North Dakota, but a new first-of-its-kind study highlighted at the state capitol on Monday, Dec. 5, has revealed the impact may be even bigger than previously anticipated, with \$30.8 billion in total economic contribution and 110,480 total jobs tied to the industry.

Agriculture makes up 24.2% of North Dakota's value-added economy, 19.2% of all employment and 20.6% of labor income, officials announced.

"I think everybody knows agriculture is important," said Greg Lardy, vice president for agricultural affairs at NDSU. "We say it, and as you drive through North Dakota communities and rural areas, you certainly see it. But I think the numbers now speak for themselves in the scope of the industry."

The study, completed by researchers from the North Dakota State University Department of Agribusiness and Economics and the NDSU Center for Social Research, has not yet been distributed. However, Gov. Doug Burgum joined Lardy and the study's lead researchers, Dean Bangsrud, a research scientist in the NDSU Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics, and Nancy Hodur, director for the NDSU Center for Social Research, in presenting highlights at the state capitol on December 5.

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## Applied Data Construction Moves Forward Amid Turbulence in Crypto Markets

**by Ken Smith**

Men and machinery are on the move at the new data processing center west of Ellendale. Steel structures began going up in November, as most of the concrete had been laid for the eleven long narrow buildings that will soon house thousands of data processing units.

When Applied Blockchain representatives addressed the community on September 7 (the day before ground was officially broken on the project, they made it clear that the company is in a pioneering phase. The world of cryptocurrency mining was (and is) in flux, as is the broader world of high efficiency computer processing generally. Large investments in this industry—including the tens of millions of dollars that will be poured into the Ellendale facility—indicate that investors remain confident about the future.

Aiding in this confidence is the diversification of the Texas-based company, evidenced by its name change (which became official on November 17), from Applied Blockchain to Applied Data. The company retains the same initials (APLD) for its NASDAQ listing, but its new name is Applied Data. The change was made, as explained at the September 7 meeting, to better reflect the fact that the company is contracting out its computing power for a diverse range of customers, not just for crypto miners.

"Crypto mining," for the many who may not grasp the concept easily, involves harnessing massive computer power to solve ultra-complex mathematical formulas to unlock virtual currency. This currency is created and accessed via a technology called blockchain, which is something like a virtual bank, for which the ledger is universally shared and constantly updated.

Despite optimistic predictions, some observers might be a bit nervous about the company's prospects. As indicated on Yahoo Finance, which tracks stocks in real time and records data on past performance and offers suggestions about future prospects, APPLD traded at \$4.83 per share on May 1, 2022, then dropped abruptly to \$1.05 per share on June 1. Subsequently it has hovered around \$2.00 per share, and at the close of December 9 (just before this article was finalized) it was trading at \$1.59 per share.

Adding to speculation about the near-term and medium-term prospects of this sort of enterprise was the recent collapse of a major crypto trading firm called FTX, whose director was found to be engaged in systemic fraud that reminds some of the Bernie Madoff criminal ponzi scheme that made headlines in 2008. The collapse of FTX is said to involve the disappearance of some 40 billion dollars in assets. It should be noted that FTX was not actually engaged in crypto mining or providing computing infrastructure.

Moreover some are questioning the future of Bitcoin, the best known cryptocurrency system, which went from \$61,318 at its peak on October 1, 2021 to 16,880 on November 30, 2022, a

## "Lighting Up the World" With Christmas Joy, Youngster Carries on Tradition



**Story & Photos by Ken Smith**

*"South of Frederick, where you turn onto Highway 10 to go to Britton, go three miles and look to the south and you can see the lights. Be sure to drive around the back of the house so you can see the whole display. The address is 11275, 389th Ave. Frederick."*

A proud grandmother stopped in at the *Leader* office last week to draw our attention to a fellow who is probably the youngest outdoor Christmas decorating expert in the area. His name is Howard Sumption. "He likes to light up your world," she said. He is the son of Warren and Sarah Sumption. His grandmother is Lorelei Maier, who is well known for her work as an RN at the Avera Clinic in Ellendale.

For Lorelei, the display that her grandson put together has special meaning because the nativity scene was part of her own family's Christmas display when she was young. The big sign that says "Merry Christmas" is also a family heirloom. "We always put our names on it" said Lorelei, but that wasn't practical now, "so he and his sister took this old piece of wood and their family drew snowmen and put their names on the scarves. So that's the Merry Christmas, which I'm guessing is 60 years old."

In the summertime, Howard repaired and repainted the Merry

Christmas sign (see photo) and lit it up with spotlights on the back of the house.

Howard has been actively engaged in outdoor Christmas lighting since he was very small. "His grampa helped him put the lights on a separate electrical line," Lorelei explained. "The first year he put up a display, every time they turned on the washer or microwave it would blow a circuit."

Each year Howard has been gathering more lights and decorations. "It's a work in progress," explained Lorelei. A goal for next year is to obtain a "Listen to the Lights" system, a computerized lighting control system that makes the lights dance to Christmas music as viewers in their vehicles tune in to listen on their FM radios. Those are very expensive, though, and Howard is a thrifty designer. "He's a shopper," said Lorelei, "he knows he has to buy things on sale." Asked if Howard was open to receiving donations of unused exterior Christmas decorations, Lorelei said an enthusiastic "yes."

As with the many other homes that have been decorated for Christmas, viewers are welcome and encouraged. The location of the Sumption home, just three miles east of Highway 281 on Highway 10 South of Frederick, is ideal for a stop off on the way back from an evening trip from Aberdeen.



**Computers and cornfields:** The top photos were taken by Ken Smith at the Ellendale facility on the mornings of November 29 and December 12. They show the basic structure of the steel-framed structures. The buildings are simple in design, but highly functional, as they have the ability to open up for wind breezes to blow through in summer, carrying away the immense heat produced by the thousands of servers that are installed on racks inside them.

The bottom photo, (courtesy datacenterdynamics.com) shows what the interior of the buildings will look like when fully equipped. According to company representatives, most of the jobs the facility will provide will be in maintenance of the thousands of servers, and will not require advanced computer skills.

Calendar  
of  
Area  
Meetings



**TOPS** - meets every Thursday at 308 1st Ave. N. in Ellendale at 5:30 p.m.

**Coleman Museum** - Closed for the Season. For visits by appointment, call Ken Smith at 701-320-2794 or 349-3222.

**Ellendale City Council** - meets every 2nd Monday of the month at City Hall at 5:30 p.m.

**Ellendale Area Arts Council** meets the 1st Tuesday of every month 6:00 p.m. at the Fireside (Woodland Room)

**Ellendale Park Board** meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 5:30 p.m.

**DICKEY COUNTY WIC** In Ellendale the program is administered by Dickey County Health District Office on the 2nd and last Thursday of the month. Appointments are made through Central Valley HD. Call 701-252-8130 for appointments. For more information call DCHD at 349-4348

**Dickey Co. Commissioners** meet in Ellendale the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Courthouse.

**Dickey County Health District** Foot Clinics held monthly at Dickey County Health District office in Ellendale. For appointment call 349-4348.

**Ellendale Masonic Lodge** meets every 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

**American Legion Auxiliary** meets at 7:00 on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at the Legion Clubrooms.

**Pinochle Friday Nights**, 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Center - Prizes and Fun! Everyone Welcome

**American Legion and Sons of the American Legion** meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:45 p.m.

**Ellendale Echoes** is heard on KDDR Radio every Wednesday at 9:50 a.m.

**The Fire Department** meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

**Ellendale Town News** on KSJB at 3:10 p.m. every Thursday. Tune in and listen!

**Ellendale Lions Club** meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 at CBS' (formerly the Fireside).

**Ellendale Public Library Board** meets the 2nd Thursday of each odd month at 10:00 a.m. at the library.

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Transitions Column  
By Ken Smith - Editor, Dickey County Leader

ing that countless other newspapers reprinted them.

It seemed to Carruth that in the early 1880's, "eastern papers" were full of extreme weather stories about Dakota Territory. And so he wrote a satirical column on the topic, just in time for New Year, 1886. He proposed that instead of getting fake news about Dakota weather from east of the Mississippi, fake news could be produced locally, and sold to the big papers back east.

Carruth invited readers to imagine a newspaper office as a small workshop where stories are custom made, with tools and type, a sort of small-scale weather scare factory.

The *Leader* reprinted Fred's piece in full in the January, 1, 1886 edition. Here it is again, some 136 years later, for your enjoyment.

*The season of the year is here when the Dakota blizzard lie is coming into general use in the east, where it has heretofore been manufactured exclusively. We think, however, that better results can be obtained if it is made up right here on the ground, and with this belief, we take pleasure in informing eastern editors that we have opened up a factory in Estelline with the following scale of prices:*

*No. 1. Common blizzard lie, snow not over two feet deep, strong, flexible back wind, man lost or woman frozen to death (interchangeable,*

*wrench furnished to make alteration), extending over north half of the Territory, \$4 per dozen.*

*No. 2. Snow six feet deep, wind 85 miles an hour, roads all blockaded, great suffering among the stock, two men and a boy frozen, \$6 per dozen. (This is a good open-faced lie and intended for a paper of under 5,000 circulation).*

*No. 3. Snow very deep on ground and air filled, wind blowing a "perfect grade," no fuel at any of the stations, great suffering, old settlers predict that it will last two weeks, six families or the mayor of Fargo frozen to death (office boy of ordinary intelligence can adjust one desired), \$7.50 per dozen.*

*No. 4. Snow up to the second story, storm extends over whole northwest, 60 percent of the cattle dead, furniture being used for fuel, Jim and Missouri rivers frozen solid. Gov. Pierce's feet frozen and amputated; no prospect of abatement, forty persons reported dead, \$10 per dozen.*

*No. 5. Worst storm known for years, came unexpected, all the school children in the Territory dead, parents distracted, country appeared to be "doomed," all trains suspended, telegraph wires down, only "meager accounts" available, wind "cuts like a knife," convicts in penitentiary frozen in cells, any number of persons desired dead (no experience needed to fill in the blank), only chimneys visible. \$12.75 per dozen. We especially recommend this one, it is gang-sawed and warranted free from knots and splinters. Send for free sample.*

*No. 6. Our own special northwestern blizzard lie, patented, fully guaranteed and sold only on subscription: Storm extends from Chicago to Butte City, Mont., raging with "unprecedented fury," snow one hundred feet deep and upwards, last of the stock on western ranges dead, there will be no more immigration to Dakota, railroad companies will take up all tracks, northwest of Chicago in the spring, everybody including the oldest inhabitant dead, news brought into Chicago by a traveling man--only person who escapes, wind tearing up crust of the earth in great flakes, terrible "roaring," "grim death like a weird spectre, hovers o'er all the land," \$4 per single lie. Only one of this kind sold to the same person. Order early so we may know how many to put up. Extras consisting of "terrible," "horrible," "terrific," "awe-inspiring," and "awful in its strength," furnished with No. 6 including screwdriver to put them on with.*

--Fred Carruth, *Estelline Bell*

Step  
into  
the Past...



**60 Years Ago:**  
No archive papers available for remainder of 1952. Watch for news from 60 years ago starting in January

**50 Years Ago:**  
EHS held Snowball dance with Paul Sukut and Karen Hughes crowned King and Queen...Cards defeated Kulm 73-58 and Enderlin 90-65 with Russ Grueneich leading the way at Kulm with 21 points and Ernie King leading at Enderlin with 19...Snowmobile races to be held at James River Speedway...Santa Claus made an early stop at the L&L General Store in Merricourt...Brost Implement had 755 people attend their Farm Frontier Day

**40 Years Ago:**  
Ellendale Cleaners moves to Railroad Ave...Fire gutted mobile home owned by Sharon and Dave Kleppenger and Dept also responded to 2 rural house fires...ND Supreme Court upheld murder conviction of Oakes man (Michael Heger) for murder of 86-year old woman in 1979...WIC Supplemental Food Program now available...Ice Skating rink now open...American Legion Auxiliary Christmas party held with members bringing potluck goodies and gift to pass...School lunch is trying sub sandwiches and fruit

**30 Years Ago:**  
"Tree of Giving Lights" at Memorial Hospital shinning bright...Tanya Zahn was 2nd runner up at Miss Rodeo America Pageant...Forbes Community Christmas music concert held...Santa's mail box a popular spot for children this year...Community to hold Christmas dinner...TBC to hold "Women's Night Out" with music and refreshments...Cardinals defeated Edgeley 56-52 thanks to Jason Maier's 27 points...Volleyball team defeated Oakes as Tina Deitemeyer served 9 aces...EHS Students of the Month: Darryn Tank, Sadie Glynn, James Tieg and Leigh Urbaniak

**20 Years Ago:**  
Southside Amico now open for business...Richard and Troy Olson were winners of Big Buck and Big Doe Contest at Cenex...OPERA, Inc to hold soup kitchen and cookie walk...Prince of Peace and Evergreen residents enjoyed their Christmas Parties...Festival of Trees at the DC Courthouse featured music from the school students...Lady Cardinals defeat Oakes 48-28 with Kate Martin leading the team with 12 points...Thunder wrestling team has no seniors this year

**10 Years Ago:**  
Whitestone Hill Battlefield receives National History honor at ND Governor's Conference...Shane Martin (son of Betty and the late Dale Martin) is ND Assistant Principal of the Year (Fargo)...Scandinavian Dinner included delicious Swedish dishes among others and full house enjoyed the food...Elaine Babcock's book "Dakota Grown" is now available...Jim and Eileen Zimmerman to celebrate their 50th anniversary...Cardinals win season opener with 68-57 win over South Border. Adam White and Shawn Hofer led the team in scoring...Nice weather in late november had home owners decorating their homes and yards so lots and lots of Christmas lights in town this year.

N.D. Game & Fish News...

**Fish House Regulations**  
Any fish house left unoccupied on North Dakota waters must be made of materials that allow it to float. In addition, fish houses do not require a license.

Other fish house regulations include:

- Occupied structures do not require identification. However, any unoccupied fish house must have an equipment registration number issued by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department, or the owner's name, and either an address or telephone number, displayed on its outside in readily

distinguishable characters at least 3 inches high.

- Fish houses may not be placed closer than 50 feet in any direction to another house without consent of the occupant of the other fish house.
- All unoccupied fish houses must be removed from all waters after midnight, March 15.

Anglers should refer to the North Dakota 2022-24 Fishing Guide for other winter fishing regulations.

**Coyote Catalog Available**  
The North Dakota Game and Fish Department and North Dakota

Department of Agriculture are again opening the Coyote Catalog, a statewide effort designed to connect committed hunters and trappers with landowners dealing with coyotes in their areas.

Landowners can sign up on the Department of Agriculture website, nd.gov/ndda/.

Hunters and trappers can sign up at the Game and Fish website, gf.nd.gov.

Anyone who registered for the Coyote Catalog in the past must register again to activate their name on the database.

Throughout winter, hunters or

trappers may receive information on participating landowners, and they should contact landowners to make arrangements.

Landowners experiencing coyote depredation of livestock should first contact the U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services.

The Coyote Catalog will remain active through March 31.

For more information, contact Ryan Herigstad at Game and Fish, 701-595-4463 or rherigstad@nd.gov; or Colby Lysne, at the Department of Agriculture, 701-390-7515 or clysne@nd.gov.

You Start on Tuesday

*by Daris Howard*

My wife, Donna, and I were visiting a harpist recently. Danni is getting old and has had to give up playing.

"How did you get into playing the harp?" Donna asked her.

"Well, I didn't start on the harp," Danni said. "Both of my parents were professional musicians. They loved music, and I started with the piano. I began my lessons when I was young, and I was playing well by the time I was six. Over the years, my mother paid for the very best teacher she could, and by the time I was eight, I was playing for all sorts of things.

Then, one day, my mother came home and said, 'Danni, I just went to the most beautiful violin concert.' My mother then handed me a violin. 'You start violin lessons on Tuesday.'"

"She just went and got you a violin and set up lessons?" Donna asked.

Danni nodded. "Being only eight years old, I thought nothing of it. I started the lessons and really learned to enjoy the violin. My mother had again found the best teacher she could, and I progressed well. I started playing in the community orchestra at age eleven. It was an audition-only orchestra, and I was the only one in it that was under sixteen.

"Then, when I was twelve, my mother came home and said she had been to the most beautiful clarinet concert. She had never heard one solo in a concert before. She couldn't believe how incredible it was. She then handed me a new clarinet and said, 'You start lessons on Tuesday.'"

"You were okay with that?" Donna asked.

"Not really," Danni said. "Since I was twelve, I was beginning to have opinions of my own. I enjoyed playing in the community orchestra. But I didn't want to go against my mother, so I tried to make it like I hated for her to spend the money.

My mother said, 'Danni, when I was young, I loved music. But my parents couldn't afford lessons. They also didn't feel they were important, so even if they could have afforded them, they wouldn't. That is not going to

happen to my daughter. I want to make sure you have the best opportunities.'"

Danni said that knowing how much her mother was trying to give her made it impossible for her to complain. She still kept up with the violin and played in the orchestra, but she worked hard and soon was doing well on the clarinet. She was just feeling good about that when her mother came home one evening when Danni was sixteen.

"Danni," her mother said, "I just went to the most beautiful harp concert. It has to be the most amazing instrument in the world."

"Let me guess," Danni said. "I start lessons on Tuesday."

"Not quite," her mother replied. "The harp won't be delivered until a week from Friday, so you start the Tuesday after that."

Danni just nodded, feeling a little put out at not having a say in it. But when the harp came, and she tried it out, she did think it was beautiful. But even more, she knew it had to be expensive. When she asked her mother how much it cost, her mother simply said, "That is not something you need to worry about."

But one day, Danni was in the store where her mother had purchased the harp, and Danni asked

the salesperson who had sold it to her mother how much it had cost. When he told her, Danni gasped. It was more than half of her mother's wages for a year.

Danni worked hard to master it. Her dad teased her. "You need to do well so you will be good when you go to heaven. However, I understand if you go the other direction, you have to play the bagpipes." Danni said she laughed because her father played the bagpipes.

Danni got good at the harp, and her parents would come in to listen to her practice. Then her father passed away, and her mother came in alone. It was good time together, even though neither said a word.

"But Mom's been gone a long time," Danni told us. "I've played for sixty years, and I'm sure it won't be long until I join her and Dad. And I know just what she'll say."

Danni smiled, then said, "She'll say, 'I have found the most beautiful instrument here in heaven. You start lessons on Tuesday.' And I'll be excited to begin."

Weather Last Week for Ellendale

Date	High	Low	Precip
December 4	38	11	
December 5	27	10	
December 6	26	9	
December 7	9	-7	3.5" snow
December 8	26	4	
December 9	30	-3	
December 10	30	1	

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# Public Notices

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMMISSION

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
Case No. PU-22-366  
Applied Block Chain Office – Dickey  
County  
Public Convenience & Necessity  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
Case No. PU-22-370  
Applied Block Chain Data Processing  
Extension  
Public Convenience & Necessity  
NOTICE OF HEARING  
November 17, 2022  
A Public Hearing on the application in  
Case Nos. PU-22-366 and PU-22-370  
is scheduled to begin December 19,  
2022, at 8:30 a.m. Central Time in the  
Commission Hearing Room, 12th Floor,  
State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota  
58505.  
On October 14, 2022, Montana-  
Dakota Utilities Co., filed applications  
to extend service to Applied Blockchain  
at a location in the SE ¼ of the SE ¼ of  
Section 4, T 129N, R 63W and a location  
in the NE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 9,  
T 129N, R 63W in Dickey County, North  
Dakota. On October 24, 2022, a Protest  
and Request for Hearing was received  
from Dakota Valley Electric Cooperative,  
Inc. The issues to be considered in  
these matters are:  
1. From whom does the customer  
prefer electric service?  
2. What electric suppliers are operat-  
ing in the general area?  
3. What electric supply lines exist  
within at least a two-mile radius of the  
location to be served, and when were  
they constructed?  
4. What customers are served by  
electric suppliers within at least a two-  
mile radius of the location to be served?  
5. What are the differences, if any,  
between the electric suppliers available  
to serve the area with respect to reliabil-  
ity of service?  
6. Which of the available electric sup-  
pliers will be able to serve the location  
in question more economically and still  
earn an adequate return on its invest-  
ment?  
7. Which supplier's extended electric  
service would best serve orderly and  
economic development of electric ser-  
vice in the general area?  
8. Would approval of the applications  
result in wasteful duplication of invest-  
ment or service?  
9. Is it probable that the location in  
question will be included within the cor-  
porate limits of a municipality within the  
foreseeable future?

10. Will service by either of the elec-  
tric supplier in the area unreasonably  
interfere with the service or system of  
the other?  
For more information contact the  
Public Service Commission, State  
Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505,  
701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota,  
1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any  
auxiliary aids or services, such as read-  
ers, signers, or Braille materials, please  
notify the Commission at least 24 hours  
in advance.  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
Steve Kahl  
Executive Secretary  
(November 24 & December 15,  
2022)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION  
APPLICATION FOR  
APPROPRIATION OF WATER  
FROM SURFACE WATER  
TAKE NOTICE that HANSEN,  
STEVE, LUDDEN, ND, has submitted  
Water Permit Application No. 7262 to  
the North Dakota Department of Water  
Resources for a permit to divert and  
appropriate water from surface water.  
The application requests a permit to  
appropriate water from surface water,  
utilizing point(s) of diversion located  
in the W1/2 NW1/4 of Section 06,  
Township 129 N., Range 059 W., Dickey  
County and E1/2 NW1/4 of Section 06,  
Township 129 N., Range 059 W., Dickey  
County, as shown on the map accom-  
panying the application. The application  
requests a permit to store 42.8 acre-feet  
of water, out of which 60.4 acre-feet  
of water will be used annually to off-  
set evaporative losses for the purpose  
of Fish and Wildlife use for Wetland  
Creation.  
TAKE NOTICE that written comments  
regarding the proposed appropriation  
must be filed in the Department of Water  
Resources, 1200 Memorial Highway,  
Bismarck, North Dakota 58504-5262,  
by 5 o'clock p.m., on the 16 day of  
January 2023. The Department of Water  
Resources shall consider all written  
comments received and prepare a rec-  
ommended decision which will be pro-  
vided to the applicant and any person  
who filed written comments. Those per-  
sons may file additional comments with  
the Department of Water Resources,  
request an adjudicative proceeding on  
the application, or both.  
Dated at Bismarck, North Dakota, on  
December 5, 2022.  
/S/ John Paczkowski, P.E.  
State Engineer  
Department of  
Water Resources  
1200 Memorial Highway  
Bismarck, ND 58504-5262  
(December 15 & 22, 2022)

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BDM RURAL WATER SYSTEM, INC.  
Assistant Manager/Operations Manager

BDM is looking for a candidate that has 3 – 5 years of leadership and financial  
management experience, with excellent communication skills to handle customer  
concerns, organize operator's daily schedules and coordinate activities with  
contractors. The position will be an 8:00 – 5:00, Monday through Friday, with  
occasional after hours and weekend commitments when there are emergency  
issues. The position will offer a very competitive salary, depending on experience,  
with benefits including health, dental and vision insurance, a 401K retirement  
program, in addition to vacation and sick time allowances. BDM is a financially  
strong and growing regional water system that serves potable drinking water to  
a significant footprint in Northeast South Dakota. If you or anybody you know  
has an interest in this rewarding position, please go to [www.bdmruralwater.com](http://www.bdmruralwater.com)  
to view a detailed job description and application. The office is located in  
Britton, SD, with commutes from area communities an option. You may also  
contact Rodney Kappes, General Manager at BDM at 605-448-5417 to discuss  
this position. Interested individuals may forward your application, resume and  
references to BDM Rural Water System, Inc., PO Box 49, Britton, SD 57430.  
BDM is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

ELLENDALE AREA EVENTS

December 15 - Cenex Christmas Open House, 2:00-4:00

December 15 - Chamber Meeting/Potluck Mixer, 5:30

December 15 - Jr. High/High School Winter Music Concert 7:00

December 16 - Annual CowBell Game vs. Oakes: JV & Varsity JV  
games at 4:30 followed by Varsity Girls and Varsity  
Boys (CowBell Game)

December 18 - Annual Christmas Concert with Zion Lutheran Church  
Choir and Bethlehem Lutheran Church Choir and Com-  
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## Prairie Fare: *Don't break the bank this holiday season*

BY JULIE GARDEN-ROBINSON, NDSU EXTENSION FOOD & NUTRITION SPECIALIST



This snowman veggie platter makes a great contribution to a holiday potluck. (NDSU photo)

The cost of food has increased by nearly 11% during the past year, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service.

"I am only going to put up a few decorations for the holidays," I mentioned to my husband. "We will keep it simple."

I don't think he believed me. "OK, I'll bring up the tubs," he said.

As I began looking through about eight large tubs, the items made me think about our kids' younger years and their early crafts. Soon the handprint reindeer was on our tree, along with lightbulb snowmen with goofy grins. I added numerous ornaments with their smiling school pictures.

During my trip down memory lane, my husband was busy doing snow removal and errands. When he returned home, the holidays had exploded.

I had put up at least 100 snowmen, five wreaths, holiday pillows and blankets. I had decorated one large tree and four small ones.

"Wow! We are really going 'simple' this year," he said with a smirk.

"I will leave all the snowmen up until spring," I replied. "Then we won't have to put them away for a while."

I truly do not need any more holiday decor.

You might be hearing in the media that people are buying a lot of goods right now. Costs for

nearly everything from food to cars have increased. Interest rates have risen for those who want to make a major purchase, such as a new vehicle or a home.

The cost of food has increased by nearly 11% during the past year, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service. Food is a major cost, whether you eat at restaurants or prepare food at home.

Many restaurants have needed to raise their prices because the cost of their ingredients and their labor costs have increased.

If you bake special treats for the holidays, you may have experienced "shrinkflation" without realizing it. To cut costs, some food companies are reducing the amount of product in their packages while keeping the prices the same.

For example, you might not notice that a cereal box or snack item has less product in it, but the prices may be the same or greater. Consumers are more likely to notice an increase in price than a slight decrease in the weight of the food.

Food manufacturers must correctly state the net weight of the contents on the front of the package. Check and compare the cost per unit.

Several years ago I noticed the occurrence of "shrinkflation." When I baked a cake in a 13-by-9-inch pan, the cake was much shorter than I expected. I thought something was wrong with our oven.

In the past decade or so, cake mixes shrank in weight from about 18.25 ounces down to 15.25 ounces.

You may have noticed that the typical 5-pound bag of sugar from a few years ago has shrunk to 4 pounds. Some types of pasta, ice cream and some canned food containers also contain less product.

What's a person to do to be

a savvy consumer while making a memorable holiday in the kitchen and beyond? These are some tips.

Be sure to set a budget about how much you plan to spend on gifts, food and travel. While credit cards are tempting and convenient, remember that the interest rates on credit cards provide long-term financial issues.

Instead of footing the bill for a party for everyone, host a potluck. Keep it easy by setting a theme such as "appetizers and desserts." Be the person who brings the fun vegetable tray with dip arranged as a snowman or wreath.

Have kids set a wish list and remind them they will not receive every item on their list.

Consider drawing names instead of giving everyone a gift. Set a budget limit for the gift price.

Provide gifts of your time, such as kid-sitting or cleaning windows.

Try do-it-yourself food gifts. See ag/quick-mixes for beverages, quick breads, soups and cookies you can make as gift mixes in a jar or other container.

Here's a tasty dip that may entice your friends to eat more vegetables at your next holiday gathering.

### Spinach and Kale Greek Yogurt Dip

16 ounces fat-free plain Greek yogurt  
3 tablespoons light mayonnaise  
3 cloves garlic, minced  
½ teaspoon onion powder  
½ teaspoon garlic powder  
½ teaspoon dill (fresh or dried)  
1 cup kale, finely chopped  
1 cup spinach, finally chopped  
1/3 cup bell pepper, minced  
1/3 cup carrot, minced  
Salt and pepper, to taste (if desired)  
Veggies (green pepper, red pepper, tomatoes, carrots, broccoli, celery, etc.)

Mix ingredients in a bowl. Add chopped vegetables and stir well. Chill for two hours. Serve with a variety of fresh vegetables.

Makes 14 servings. Each 1/4-cup serving has 35 calories, 1 gram (g) fat, 3 g carbohydrate, 0 g fiber and 40 milligrams sodium.

(Julie Garden-Robinson, Ph.D., R.D., L.R.D., is a North Dakota State University Extension food and nutrition specialist and professor in the Department of Health, Nutrition and Exercise Sciences. Follow her on Twitter @jgardenrobinson).

## 2022 North Dakota 4-H Ambassadors elected



The newly elected 4-H Ambassadors are (front, from left) Hannah Myrdal, Hazel Moen, Allison Bryn, Elsa Axtman, and (back, from left) Samantha Meehl, Katherine Troutman, Savanna Lebrun and Mathea Nelson. Not pictured: Grace Mitchell. (NDSU photo)

Nine youth have been selected to join the North Dakota 4-H Ambassador program.

The new team members are: Allison Bryn, Barnes County, Barnes County North High School

Hannah Myrdal, Walsh County, Valley-Edinburg High School

Elsa Axtman, Cass County, Davies High School

Grace Mitchell, Steele County, Northern Cass High School

Hazel Moen, Bottineau County, Newburg United School

Katherine Troutman, Williams County, Prairie Rose Academy

Mathea Nelson, Ramsey County, Devils Lake High School

Samantha Meehl, Dickey County, Oakes High School

Savanna Lebrun, Ramsey County, Devils Lake High School

The North Dakota 4-H Ambassadors held their annual selections event at the North Dakota 4-H Camp in Washburn, North Dakota. This event was run by selection co-chairs, Alyssa Thomsen from Barnes County and Grady Hornung from Pembina County. The event is held annually during the Ambassador's fall retreat.

"Our elections co-chairs did a great job and provided a posi-

tive and engaging experience for youth running to become an Ambassador," says Hannah Nordby, 4-H Ambassadors co-adviser and a North Dakota State University Extension agent in Adams County.

"Running this event was truly a privilege, and I am very thankful that I was able to work with my fantastic co-chair, Alyssa Thomsen," says Grady Hornung of Pembina County. "The candidates were amazing, and I am excited to see what they will bring into this already fantastic program."

"I wanted to become an ambassador because I want to show that 4-H isn't just about showing animals," says Hazel Moen of Bottineau County. "There is something for everyone, whether it is baking, painting or wood-working. I want to bring more people into the 4-H community."

"Once their application is received in the state 4-H office, candidates must commit to the selection interview process," says Sue Quamme, North Dakota 4-H Ambassadors co-adviser.

"They must attend in person, where they participate in various events that include a formal interview, informal interview, problem-solving event and a group project."

"Each portion is judged with a rubric," she adds.

Existing Ambassadors gain experience by helping to judge the events of the in-person interview process.

"We had many amazing candidates," says Abbey Dahl of Ramsey County, who helped judge the informal interview and problem-solving event. "I had a great time and would do it again in a heartbeat."

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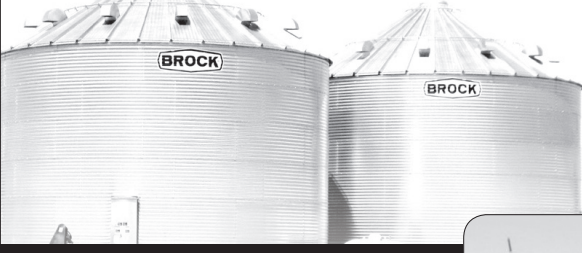
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Almlie, Jurgan Edward, Ellendale, TR: Speeding (16-20 mph over), Plea, 11/30/22 Guilty.

Long, Tony John, Bemidji, MN, TR: Speeding (6-10 mph over), Plea, 12/1/22 Guilty.

White, Jennings David, Minot, TR: Speeding (6-10 mph over), Plea, 11/28/22 Guilty.

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# Consider feed requirements for beef cattle during cold weather

*The maintenance energy requirement of cattle will increase as temperatures drop.*

The Climate Prediction Center is forecasting colder than normal temperatures in December, which may have a significant impact on livestock in areas that experienced relatively mild fall conditions. North Dakota State University Extension livestock specialists Karl Hoppe and Janna Block note that although most cattle in North Dakota are acclimated to a cold environment, long periods of severe cold may require additional management to ensure health and productivity.

"The ability of cattle to withstand cold conditions is impacted by the lower critical temperature, or LCT," says Hoppe. "When the temperature drops below the LCT, maintenance requirements will increase and performance can be affected."

The LCT will vary depending on thickness of the hide and hair coat, whether the animal is wet or dry, and factors such as age, stage of production and body condition of the animal.

"In general, an LCT of 18 degrees Fahrenheit commonly is used for animals with a dry, heavy coat," says Hoppe.

"However, well-adapted cattle in good body condition during mid-gestation may be able to tolerate temperatures as low as -6 degrees Fahrenheit without negative impacts on performance."

Below the LCT, the maintenance energy requirement of cattle will increase as cows divert more energy to maintaining body temperature. To compensate, additional energy must be provided in the diet.

"If additional feed and protection from elements are not provided, cows will burn body energy stores to produce heat and maintain the function of vital organs," notes Block. "If extreme weather conditions are short-lived, effects on body condition losses may be minimal. However, extended cold conditions without additional energy provided will result in weight loss that will further reduce body condition and insulation and impact the cow's ability to deal with cold stress."

Like people, cattle experience the effective temperature, which includes air temperature,



Round bales can provide a windbreak for cattle during extended cold temperatures.

(NDSU photo)

humidity and wind chill. Wind can increase heat losses much more quickly than when air is still at the same temperature. Several charts are available to help producers calculate the effective temperature. For one example, please refer to the chart available on NDSU Extension website at: <http://shorturl.at/QRUV0>.

In order to account for increased energy needs due to cold temperatures, a general rule of thumb is to increase the energy density (total digestible nutrients or TDN) of the diet by 1% for each degree below the LCT. For example, a temperature of 5 degrees Fahrenheit with a 20 mph wind results in an effective temperature of -15 degrees Fahrenheit (9 degrees below the LCT mentioned above for cows in good condition with a heavy winter hair coat during mid-gestation). Under normal conditions, cows require an energy density of at least 50% TDN during mid-gestation. In this example, cows would require an additional 9% TDN for a total of 59% TDN.

"During extended cold temperatures, meeting additional energy needs with increased amounts of low-quality forage can be difficult, and may even be dangerous," Block says. "As metabolic rates increase in order to increase heat production and maintain body temperature, appetite and voluntary feed

intake are increased. When large amounts of low-quality forage are consumed, inadequate protein and energy limit fermentation by rumen microbes. This will reduce nutrient absorption and slow the reduction of particle size in the rumen. Over time, large feed particles accumulate in the abomasum, fluids stop moving through the digestive tract, and blockage occurs. This condition is known as abomasal impaction."

Signs of impaction include a distended abdomen, weakness and anorexia, as well as reduced manure excretion. Affected animals typically die within a week. Higher-quality forages and/or supplements such as grain or byproducts may be necessary to avoid this situation during extreme cold weather events.

Feeding late in the afternoon will help ensure that heat from fermentation will be maximized during the coldest part of the night. It is also important to ensure that cattle have consistent access to fresh water to help increase nutrient utilization and reduce the risk of impaction.

"In addition to adjusting diets, providing windbreaks and bedding can increase the ability of livestock to effectively manage cold stress," says Hoppe. "While heavy winter haircoats offer excellent protection against cold weather, wet and/or windy condi-

tions can reduce the insulating properties."

In particular, livestock on rangeland or winter pasture may not have adequate protection from the elements. Low spots and trees that offer natural protection from wind and snow are not available in every situation, so producers may need to provide portable solutions such as large round bales or panels covered with a tarp or canvas.

In the case of severe cold stress, cattle may experience hypothermia, which slows metabolic and physiological processes and diverts blood away from extremities. This can result in frostbite to teats, ears and testes. Therefore, producers must consider potential negative impacts not only on cows but also on herd bulls. Bedding can help provide additional insulation between cattle and snow or frozen ground, and reduce the risk of frostbite.

"Beef cattle are very resilient, and are capable of adapting and performing in cold temperatures when provided with adequate rations and protected from the elements," says Block.

Check out the NDSU Extension publication "Winter Management of the Beef Cow Herd" ([www.ndsu.edu/agriculture/extension/publications/winter-management-beef-cow-herd](http://www.ndsu.edu/agriculture/extension/publications/winter-management-beef-cow-herd)) for additional information.

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47-51/O/O

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2-TFN/O/O

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49-50/O/O

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48-TFN/O/O

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20-TFN/O/O

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37-TFN/O/O

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Contact Michelle Masset at 701-254-4502 with questions. Position closes 12/22/2022

# Keep holiday greens looking their best



When outdoor temperatures are cooler, green arrangements, like this winter container garden, last much longer than indoor displays.

by Melinda Myers

Wreaths, door swags, garlands, and containers filled with evergreens have long been part of winter celebrations and displays. Keep them fresh and looking their best throughout the holidays with minimal effort.

Fresh greenery with pliable branches and firmly attached needles will last the longest. Check for good color and an aroma you prefer. Consider buying extra greenery and storing it in the garage or another cool location. Use these to replace any indoor greenery that is starting to brown.

Recut the bottom of the stems

with a sharp bypass pruner. Totally submerge the greenery in a tub of room-temperature water overnight to help rehydrate the needles. Gently crush the cut end to allow it to better absorb moisture.

Remove the cuttings from the water and once dry, seal in the moisture by spraying the greens with an anti-transpirant, often called anti-desiccant. These products seal in moisture, reducing drying due to warm, dry air indoors and drying winds and sunlight outside.

Follow label directions for application tips and dilution rates based on what you are treat-

ing. Avoid using these on juniper berries, cedar and blue spruce. The waxy coating that makes these look blue can be damaged by these products. Apply anti-desiccant products outdoors during the day, as light is needed to activate some of these chemicals. Allow the treated greens to dry for three to four hours before moving them inside.

Display indoor greenery in cool locations out of direct sunlight. This reduces moisture loss and extends the life of your garland, wreaths, and arrangements.

Keep greenery away from heat sources that speed drying, decorative lights that generate heat,

and flames from candles. Check the greens every few days and replace dry, brittle, and brown cuttings with fresh greens.

Outdoor greenery lasts much longer when temperatures are cooler than indoors. Further extend their longevity by placing them in more sheltered locations, out of direct sunlight and wind where they suffer less drying. Avoid hanging wreaths and swags in front of windows in direct sunlight where the reflected light can burn the foliage. Use an anti-transpirant on outdoor greenery to help reduce moisture loss and extend your enjoyment.

Keep outdoor planters of greens looking their best throughout the winter. Keep the soil moist until it freezes when displaying spruce tips, cut holiday trees, and evergreen stems in outdoor containers. If and when the ground freezes, you can stop watering.

A bit of effort goes a long way in extending the beauty of holiday greenery.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released *Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition and Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" instant video and DVD series* and the nationally syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program*. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and her website is [www.MelindaMyers.com](http://www.MelindaMyers.com).

# Harvest Bowl celebrates County Agriculturists



The success, dedication and hard work of outstanding agriculturists in 53 counties in North Dakota and eight counties in Minnesota was honored during the 48th annual Harvest Bowl

program at North Dakota State University on November 18.

In Dickey County, the honorees were Troy and Ginger Petersen, Monango.

## Guelph News

By Rose Sell

All are welcome to attend the services at the Guelph Community Church on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. with Pastor Townsend. Dress is casual and there is fellowship afterwards.

Bob and Judy German were MIA for a couple of days last week. They traveled to Fargo for business and pleasure. Naturally, all Guelphites were glad to see them back.

Sports season is in full swing. The girls basketball traveled to Kindred, making themselves known as serious competition. The wrestling team has jumped into the season with the top rated teams, and are a force to be reckoned with. The boys basketball season is just beginning and fans are right behind them.

HISTORY: While thinking of sports, one can't help but think

of the first County Basketball tournament played in the newly built Guelph High School Gym in January of 1956. Can you imagine the excitement of having a dream of 10 years coming to fruition? The entire community participated in some way to build this gym, which still stands as a testament as to what can be accomplished when everyone comes together for a common goal.

So many events are celebrated in this facility every year. Compliments abound about the beauty of the gym and the strength of our community. It fills the cup of gratitude to overflowing!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "If you don't love yourself, nobody will. Not only that, you won't be good at loving anyone else. Loving starts with the self."

— Wayne Dyer

# Dakota Gardener: Don't treat a Christmas cactus like a cactus



Thanksgiving cactuses are more common than Christmas cactuses and display beautiful flowers for the holiday season. (NDSU photo)

by Esther McGinnis, Horticulturist, NDSU Extension

Parents of the modern Christmas cactus originated in the coastal mountains of Brazil.

A friend called me because she purchased a new Christmas cactus, and it wasn't behaving

the way she expected. Based on its cactus classification, she watered sparingly and placed the plant in direct sunlight. Despite this logical care regimen, the plant began to lose its flower buds and vigor. I had to inform my friend that the Christmas cac-

tus is a plant with a confusing or even downright deceptive identity.

Yes, the Christmas cactus is in the cactus family, but you would be wrong if you envisioned a sunny desert origin for this plant. The parents of the modern

Christmas cactus originated in the coastal mountains of Brazil. These mountains are covered in lush forests that receive high amounts of rainfall and humidity.

Surprisingly, the relatives of the Christmas cactus do not grow in the ground but have more in common with tropical orchids. They grow perched on shady tree branches. Rather than growing in the soil, their roots grow in decayed leaves and debris that have collected on tree branches. Frequent precipitation during the rainy season keeps the well-drained substrate moist.

Another deceptive aspect of this cactus is its name. The houseplant trade sells both Thanksgiving and Christmas cactuses around the winter holidays. The vast majority that are sold are actually Thanksgiving cactuses that are labeled as Christmas cactuses. Unfortunately, the true Christmas cactus is fragile and difficult to ship. You can differentiate the two by looking at the stem segments. Thanksgiving cactus has teeth or a spine-like edge to the stems. The true Christmas cactus will have more of a smooth, scalloped edge. Both types of cactus require the same care regimen.

Now that we know the plants' origin, we know how to care for our holiday cactus. As a forest

dweller, it likes bright light but not direct summer sun. Move the plant further away from the window if its stem segments start to redden or wilt.

Water varies by season. Once the flower buds form, water to keep the soil moist but not sopping wet. A good rule of thumb is to water when the top inch of potting soil feels dry. Humidity can be raised by grouping several houseplants together or by using a room humidifier. After flowering is complete, watering frequency can be reduced a bit for the winter but the potting soil must never be allowed to completely dry. More frequent watering and fertilizer applications can resume during the spring and summer months when the plant is actively growing.

To induce the plant to bloom starting in mid-September, expose the plant to cooler temperatures and long, dark nights. Fortunately, our homes are naturally cooler in the fall. To ensure optimum flowering, place the cactus in a spare room with a plant light on a timer, and give it eight hours of light and 16 hours of uninterrupted darkness per day. After six weeks, the plant may be returned to living areas and will bloom in time for the holidays.

## THIS DAY

### IN HISTORY:

1651 – Castle Cornet in Guernsey, the last stronghold which had supported the King in the Third English Civil War, surrenders.

1778 – American Revolutionary War: British and French fleets clash in the Battle of St. Lucia.

1791 – The United States Bill of Rights becomes law when ratified by the Virginia General Assembly.

1836 – The U.S. Patent Office building in Washington, D.C., nearly burns to the ground, destroying all 9,957 patents issued by the federal government to that date, as well as 7,000 related patent models.

1864 – American Civil War: The Battle of Nashville begins at Nashville, Tennessee, and ends the following day with the destruction of the Confederate Army of Tennessee as a fighting force by the Union Army of the Cumberland.

1869 – The short-lived Republic of Ezo is proclaimed in the Ezo area of Japan. It is the first attempt to establish a democracy in Japan.

1871 – Sixteen-year-old telegraphist Ella Stewart keys and sends the first telegraphed message from Arizona Territory at the Deseret Telegraph Company office in Pipe Spring.

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#### DICKEY COUNTY COMMISSION AGENDA

#### DECEMBER 20, 2022 • 9:30 am

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**8:30 Health District Meeting**  
**9:45 Commission Meeting Called To Order**  
Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call  
Additions or Revisions to the Agenda  
Approve Minutes, Vouchers & Financials

**10:15 Personnel Time**  
**10:30 Omitted Tax/Abatement Hearing**  
**11:00 Highway Department**

-OTHER BUSINESS TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD  
-ADJOURNMENT

ANYONE WISHING TO HAVE ITEMS ON THE DICKEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' AGENDA, PLEASE CONTACT THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE AT 349-3249 BEFORE 9:00 AM MONDAY, ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE MEETING DATE.

To request an auxiliary aid or service please contact the Dickey County Title VI Coordinator at 349-3249 (ext.111) at least 5 business days before the scheduled meeting.

THE SAVVY SENIOR



**How Leg Pains Could be an Early Sign of Heart Attack or Stroke**  
*Dear Savvy Senior,*  
*I started a walking program a few months ago to help me lose weight but I've been having problems with my legs and hips hurting during my walk, although they feel better once I stop. I thought it was just because I'm getting old, but my neighbor was telling me about a leg vein disease she has called PAD and thinks I may have something similar. What can you tell me about this?*

*Limping Linda*  
Dear Linda,  
The health condition your neighbor is telling you about is known as “peripheral arterial disease” (or PAD), which is an under the radar disease that affects approximately 8 to 12 million Americans.  
It happens when the arteries that carry blood to the legs and feet become narrowed or clogged over the years with fatty deposits or plaque, causing poor circulation.  
But you also need to be aware that because PAD is a systemic disease, people that have it are also much more likely to have clogged arteries in other areas of the body like the heart, neck and brain, which greatly increase the risks of heart attack or stroke.


**Few Symptoms**  
Unfortunately, PAD goes undiagnosed and untreated way too often because most people that have it experience few, if any symptoms. The most common symptom, however, is similar to what you’re experiencing: pain and cramping in the hip, thigh or calf muscles, especially when walking or exercising but usually disappears after resting for a few minutes.  
Another reason PAD is underdiagnosed is because many people assume that aches and pains go along with aging and simply live with it instead of reporting it to their doctor.  
Other possible symptoms to be aware of include leg numbness or weakness, coldness or skin color changes in the lower legs and feet, or ulcers or sores on the legs or feet that don’t heal.  
**Are You at Risk?**  
Like most other health condi-

*By Jim*  
tions, the risk of developing PAD increases with age. Those most vulnerable are people over the age of 50 who smoke or used to smoke, have elevated cholesterol, high blood pressure, diabetes, are overweight, or have a family history of PAD, heart attack or stroke. African Americans are also twice as likely to have PAD as Caucasians. If you’re experiencing any symptoms or if you’re at increased risk of PAD, you need to be tested by your doctor or a vascular specialist. He or she will probably perform a quick and painless ankle-brachial index test, which is done by measuring your blood pressure in your ankle as well as your arm and compare the two numbers. Your doctor may also do imaging tests such as ultrasound, magnetic resonance angiography (MRA), and computed tomographic (CT) angiography.  
With early detection, many cases of PAD can be treated with lifestyle modifications including an improved diet, increased physical activity and smoking cessation.

If lifestyle changes aren’t enough, your doctor may also prescribe medicine to prevent blood clots, lower blood pressure and cholesterol, and control pain and other symptoms. And for severe PAD, the treatment options are angioplasty (inflating a tiny balloon in the artery to restore blood flow then removed), the insertion of a stent to reopen the artery, or a graft bypass to reroute blood around the blockage.  
To learn more about PAD, visit the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute at NHLBI. NIH.gov/health-topics/peripheral-artery-disease.  
*Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of “The Savvy Senior” book.*



THE BOOKWORM



*“The more that you read, the more things you’ll know.  
The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”*

**-- Dr. Seuss**

Editor's Note: Thanks to Gwen Tatum for reviving this column! It will appear every few weeks, as an encouragement to everyone to come down and spend some time at the warm, comfortable library, and to take advantage of all that's on offer there.

**Welcome back to the Ellendale Public Library column!**

**Library hours are:**

**Sunday and Monday – closed**  
**Tuesday – 10 am to 5 pm**  
**Wednesday – 10 am to 2 pm**  
**Thursday – 2 pm to 7 pm**  
**Friday – 10 am to 2 pm**  
**Saturday – 9 to 12 am**

Cozy up on your sofa or favorite chair with a cup of hot chocolate or coffee and escape for awhile into the wonderful world of books where you can travel around the world without leaving home, learn about space, the oceans, and animals of all kinds. Mysteries and suspense abound. We have books for all ages.

The featured book this week is *The Speckled Beauty: A Dog and His People*, by Rick Bragg. Speck is not a good boy, in fact he is terrible, defiant, and self-destructive, just to mention a few of his unlovable qualities. He has been that way since the moment he appeared on the ridgeline behind Rick Bragg’s house. Speck arrived in Rick’s life at a moment of looming uncertainty, many physical ailments and sadness from deaths in his family. Speck helped, and is helping—when he is not peeing on the rose of Sharon. By the way, Speck is the dog.

This book is written with a blend of tenderness and sorrow, humor and grit. It captures the extraordinary and sustaining devotion between two damaged creatures who need each other to heal.

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If there is enough interest we will start a Book Club. Are you interested? This is a great opportunity to share insights and have good conversations, maybe make a new friend or two. Please sign up in the Library on the list at the librarian’s desk. More information will be forthcoming.

Volunteers are always welcome!

## Do You Remember? Snoball Dance at Ellendale High School - 50 Years Ago

The Snoball Dance, usually held in December, was a tradition at the Ellendale High School for many years, but the *Leader* seldom reported on it. 1972 was an exception: the photo at right appeared in the top right corner of the front page, with the following caption: *The Ellendale High School held its annual Snoball Dance after the local basketball game last Saturday and picked a king and queen. Elected by students to those positions were Karen Hughes and Paul Sukut. Standing from left to right are Brent Houghton, Cindy Hokana, Craig Nell, Barbara Williams, Karen Hughes, Paul Sukut, Tom Walsh and Carol Martilla.*



# Obituaries

## Vernard Dale Brandenburger March 13, 1930-December 4, 2022

Vernard Dale Brandenburger, 92 of Forbes, ND died December 4, 2022 at his home in Forbes. He was born March 13, 1930 to Reinhold and Ruth (Siewert) Brandenburger in rural Dickey County, ND.  
Vernard was raised on a farm in rural Dickey County and attended country school until the 8th grade. He then moved to the home farm near Forbes where he attended high school in Forbes and graduated in 1951. After farming for a few years,



Vernard went to Kansas for work where he met Naida Talley. They were married in June, 1957 at Scott City, KS. They moved to Fargo, ND where Vernard attended NDSU and worked as a police officer. They later moved to Colorado where he worked in a mine. In 1961 they moved to a farm near Forbes. In 1966 they purchased the family farm from his parents. In 1969 the family built a new home on the farm. Vernard continued to farm and raise cattle until his retirement in 1992.  
After retirement, Vernard worked part time for a farmer and traveled south in the winter. Vernard went on 26 cruises and a month-long trip to Europe. In 2004 Vernard purchased a home in Forbes. In 2008 Vernard married Judy McFarlane. Vernard enjoyed gardening, traveling, cooking, writing letters to his children and playing cards.  
He is survived by his wife Judy; his children Ivy Lunbery of Nebraska, Kyle (Margie) Brandenburger of Florida, Sheila (James) Brauer of North Dakota, Melba Richards of Texas, Mancel (Lori) Brandenburger of North Dakota, Eva (Craig) Bishop of Colorado; 15 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, 2 step children, 5 step grandchildren, 5 step great grandchildren; sisters Iris Steinwand, Norma (David) Martin, Nina Lee (Norman) Selze and many nieces and nephews.  
Vernard was preceded in death by his parents; his daughter Tava Ullmeyer; 2 sisters Inga and Gloria, 3 brothers-in-law Louis, Art, Wayne.  
There will be a celebration of life in the spring of 2023.  
Arrangements by Hoven Funeral Chapel, Ellendale, ND. www.hovenfuneralchapel.com

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## Ellendale Area Church Schedules

**Seventh Day Adventist Church - 400 Main**  
Saturday Sabbath School - 9:30 AM  
Saturday Worship - 11:00 AM

**Presbyterian United Methodist Church, Ellendale**  
**Pastor Barbara Krumm**  
Sunday Worship - 9:00 a.m.; Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
"Follow Me Discipleship", 1st Wednesday of the Month @ 7:00

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**Interim Pastor**  
Sunday School- 10:15 a.m  
Sunday Worship Service -11:00 a.m.

**Zion Lutheran Church, Ellendale**  
**Pastor - Rev. Paul O.S. Preus**  
Worship Service - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 10:45 a.m.  
Bible Class 10:45 a.m.

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Forbes**  
**Pastor Brandon Woodruff**  
Worship Service 8:30 a.m.; Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

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**Pastor Reino Maunu**  
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
Services 2nd Sunday of the month and 5th Sunday of the month

**St. Helena’s Catholic Church, Ellendale**  
**Father Patrick Parks**  
Sunday Mass - 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays at 8:30 a.m.  
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**Father Patrick Parks**  
Sunday Mass - 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays at 10:30 a.m.  
2nd and 4th Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

**Prince of Peace Care Center Mass**  
held every Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

**Fullerton Union Church**  
**Rev. Daniel Pelletier**  
Worship - Sundays, 9:30 a.m.

**Church of The Nazarene • Pastor Kelly Riggan**  
Sundays Worship, 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School, 11:00 am  
Wednesdays: Children & Youth Program 7:00 p.m.

**First Baptist Church**  
**Pastor Glenn Raynor**  
Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.; Sunday Worship - 10:00 a.m.

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# Cardinals Take 5th at Stutsman Tournament



Christena Walker with the bucket  
(File photo)

**Roberta Johnson**  
**DC Leader**  
The Lady Cardinals brought home 5th place from the Stutsman County Girls Basketball Tournament last week. Ellendale lost their first game to Napoleon/GS but came back to defeat Warwick and South Border for 5th place.  
Congratulations to Christena Walker for being named to the All-Tournament team. This honor was announced following the championship game and voted on by the participating coaches.

**Napoleon/GS 42**  
**Ellendale 28**  
The Cards opened the tournament with a loss to Napoleon/GS. Olivia Hagen led the team in scoring with 10 points followed by Christena Walker with 7, Kali Norton with 5 and Ariel Hagen and Siera Bollinger with 2.  
This game saw a lot of Ellendale turnovers once again, and the Mustangs were answering those error with points, many of them from beyond the 3-point line.  
**Ellendale 63** **Warwick 49**  
Coach Brennan Hack saw his Lady Cardinals come back in game two defeating the Lady

Warriors 53-49. The Cards shot 50% from the floor in this game and were 6 of 6 from the free throw line.  
Olivia Hagen led the team with 17 points followed by Christena Walker with 16, Siera Bollinger with 10, Ariel Hagen with 8, Mya Glynn and Macy Norton with 5 and Kaisa Lamatta with 2. The Cardinals played th is game without Kali Norton. Glynn, Norton and Bollinger hit 3-pointers for the Cards.  
As a team they only had 18 turnovers this game and committed only 4 personal fouls. Olivia Hagen led the team in rebounds with 10.  
**Ellendale 48**  
**South Border 41**  
The Cardinals avenged an earlier loss to South Border defeating the Mustangs for 5th place, 48-41.  
Kali Norton was back for the Cardinals and led the team in scoring with 18 points followed by Christena Walker with 14, Siera Bollinger with 3 and Mya Glynn and Ariel Hagen with 2 each.  
Walker had w 3-pointers for the Cards and Kali Norton and

Siera Bollinger each added one.  
Ellendale had 16 turnovers and committed 15 personal fouls. Olivia Hagen led the team in rebounds with 12.  
The Lady Cardinals were scheduled to be in LaMoure December 13th to play a strong LaMoure/LM squad, and will be home this Friday, December 16th, hosting another strong team, the Oakes Tornadoes in the double header with the Cardinal boys. December 20th they will be home hosting the Lions of Linton/HMB. They are home for yet another tough game hosting the Rebels of Edgeley/Kulm/Montpelier and December 31st they close out the year hosting Enderlin. That day will be another double header with the Cardinal boys playing Enderlin.  
Note--The game with EKM will be broadcast on KSJB Radio (600 AM).

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## Cardinals & Thunder Schedule

- Dec. 16 - Cardinals HOME vs. Oakes (girls & boys) JV games at 4:30 followed by Lady Cardinals and then the Boys Game - CowBell Game (BEK TV)
  - Dec. 16-17 - Thunder at Linton Tournament
  - Dec. 19 - Cardinal Boys HOME vs. Napoleon/GS 6:30
  - Dec. 20 - Lady Cardinals HOME vs. Linton/HMB 6:30
  - Dec. 22 - Lady Cardinals vs EKM 6:30 (KSJB Radio)
  - December 31 - Lady Cardinals & Cardinal Boys vs. Enderlin
- break in action until January 2023 --*

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In Touch with  
**Prairie Living**

**by Michael M. Miller, Director**

Editor's Note: Michael informs us that this is his final column of *In Touch with Prairie Living* as Director of the Germans from Russia Heritage Collection (GRHC), NDSU Libraries, Fargo. Michael will continue writing the monthly column for North Dakota and South Dakota weekly newspaers as a volunteer at the GRHC. His first column appeared in November, 1996.  
For those who have participated in one of Michael's overseas tours or have been interested in one, he added that "we are planning a Journey to the Homeland Tour Reunion for later February, 2023, in the Phoenix area. The date, time and location will be announced later. We will also invite our Germans from Russia community to attend.

**With North Dakota best wishes, Michael.**  
With the Holiday Season approaching, I extend Yuletide best wishes to you and your family.  
Sister Judith Fischer, OSB, a member of Mother of God Monastery, Watertown, S.D., has contributed a copy of The Fischer Family Chronicle to the GRHC archive. It was written by her Grandfather Mathias J. Fischer, with the help of his daughter, Mary H. Fischer. Sr. Judith grew up in Strasburg, where she graduated from high school in 1957. Her older sister, Jolenta (Fischer) Masterson, from Sequim, Wash., a long-time genealogist, also donated an extensive photographic collection of families from her hometown of Strasburg. Shared below are excerpts from The Fischer Family Chronicle.  
Mathias J. Fischer begins, "My grandfather, Franz Karl Fischer and his family arrived in New York, USA, on November 3, 1884, on the ship, S.S. Fulda. They immigrated from South Russia where the so-called German-Russians had made their home for over 100 years.  
"From there they went by train to Yankton, in Dakota Territory, now South Dakota. With Franz Karl, was his family: wife Margaret (Kraft) Fischer, seven sons and four daughters. The oldest son, Jacob, my father, was married to Helena Ripplinger and had four children at the time of their arrival in the U.S.  
"When we arrived at Yankton, Dakota Territory, we were a tired family. We stood around in the depot wondering what was in store for us. We had no friends to help us or no relatives to meet us. It wasn't too long, however, before we met and became acquainted with the Yankton people. Among them was Peter Schamber who took all the Fischers to his farm where he let us use one of his barns to live in until we found something better. The boys soon got jobs on various farms where they were glad to work for board and room.  
"On May 1, 1885, the Fischer family moved north to Ipswich, S.D. Each family bought a pair of oxen and a covered wagon for it. Each family took up 'pre-emption,' 160-acres of land. In the fall of 1887, the Milwaukee Railroad came through South Dakota as far north as Eureka, which made it much easier for all of us since we did not have quite so far to travel for trading purposes. Some of us collected buffalo bones and sold them to the sugar refineries who burned them and pulverized them into carbon which were used for filters.  
"We broke the sod with a 12-inch breaking plow. The sod was then used as walls to build our homes, put up with four inches in thickness. This was the grassy top layer of the soil, which was placed very similar to laying present-day bricks. When it was all in place, a mud mixture was spread all over it, then it was leveled until it was smooth and hard. After the walls were erected, a 10 by 10 stringer, a heavy horizontal timber was placed from gable to gable to act as a support. The houses put up in this fashion were warm in the winter and cool in the summer. It

did not take the men very long to put up the four walls and cover them, because they helped each other, and everyone was most cooperative. When this work was finished, the men went south to the settlement to find work during harvesting and threshing. I was, at that time, during the summer and fall of 1885, herding sheep and cattle for a family by the name of Stoller, living near Scotland, S.D. I worked there all summer until early winter for \$45.00.  
"Restlessness took over the men. They needed more land and needed room to expand. In the fall of 1886, they all moved to their new place in Emmons County. It was called Beaver 'Kirk', west of Strasburg, N.D. Due to crop failure and fires of 1889-1890, there was much suffering and hardship among the early settlers. Our missionary priest, Father Bernard Strassmeier, came to the rescue and promised to find relief for us.  
"Food was scarce at the beginning. Our main food was always noodles, bread, coffee, rival soup and potatoes. In Russia, we grew our own vegetables and had our own orchards and vineyards.  
"Housekeeping was no easy matter in those days. Water supply was always scarce. There was no wood, no coal, no kerosene. We had no stoves. Both the cook stove and heating stove were home-made. The men built a hearth out of a mixture of mud and stones. On top they had two holes in which they could hang their heavy black kettles. The hearth had two openings, the front for shoving in the fuel, mostly straw, hay and brush. The other end led to the chimney. A special oven, also made of mud and stones, was put up for baking bread. The oven was fired until it was good and hot. After a good cleaning, the bread dough was placed into the baking oven. The results were beautifully baked bread.  
"One time I was allowed to go along on a trip to get supplies and groceries. However, it took me a long time to get back, as I was 'traded off' for a cow. All that summer until November, I worked on a farm as payment for the cow. Our family back home enjoyed the luxury of milk, and it gave me pleasure to be able to furnish that much for them. They felt rich that milk had been added to their diet. We had little opportunity for receiving an education. The classes were conducted at my father's house for only four pupils. We had school only two winters and then only part-time because we had too many chores to do. Fortunately for me, the schoolteacher always stayed at our house, so I had many private lessons.  
"The pioneers loved to visit each other. Because of the distances, no roads, and bad weather, the company often had to stay overnight. Those were enjoyable days with lots of 'gemutlichkeit' (pleasant sharing). When bedtime came, the men made beds of hay and straw on the floor for the rest of us.  
"My father became a U.S. citizen at the Emmons County Court House in Linton, N.D. in February 1891. He was married to Katherine Eberle on January 10, 1898, at the Assumption Church near Hague, N.D. We stayed on the farm until 1907, then we moved to Strasburg, N.D. At Strasburg, I had a third interest in a general merchandise store called the 'Strasburg Bazaar.' My partners were Damien Lauinger and John J. Baumgartner. We also had the greater interest in the Security State Bank, as well as the Lumber Yard. All this happened until the depression of 1933."

*For more information about donating family histories and photographs, or how to financially support the GRHC, contact Michael M. Miller, NDSU Libraries, Dept. 2080, PO Box 6050, Fargo, ND 58108-6050, (Tel: 701-231-8416); michael.miller@ndsu.edu; or go to library.ndsu.edu/grhc.*

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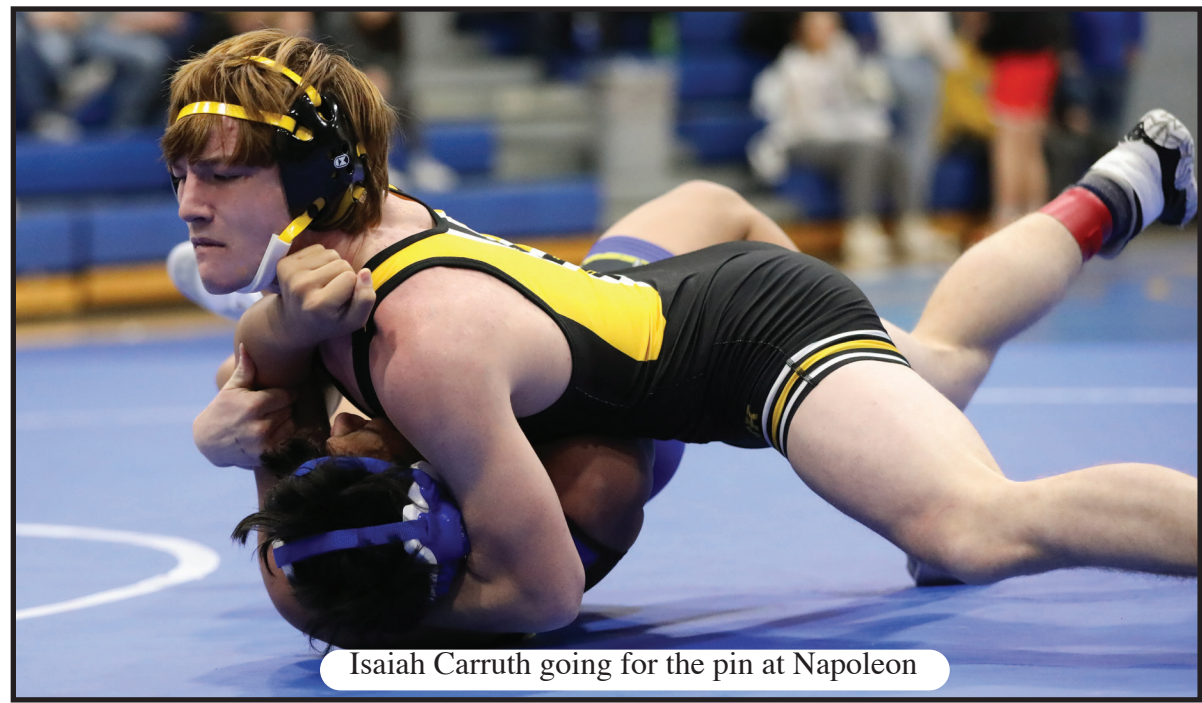
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# Thunder Wrestling Got Started at Napoleon's Early Bird

## Isaiah Carruth & Shelby Miller Bring Home 1st place

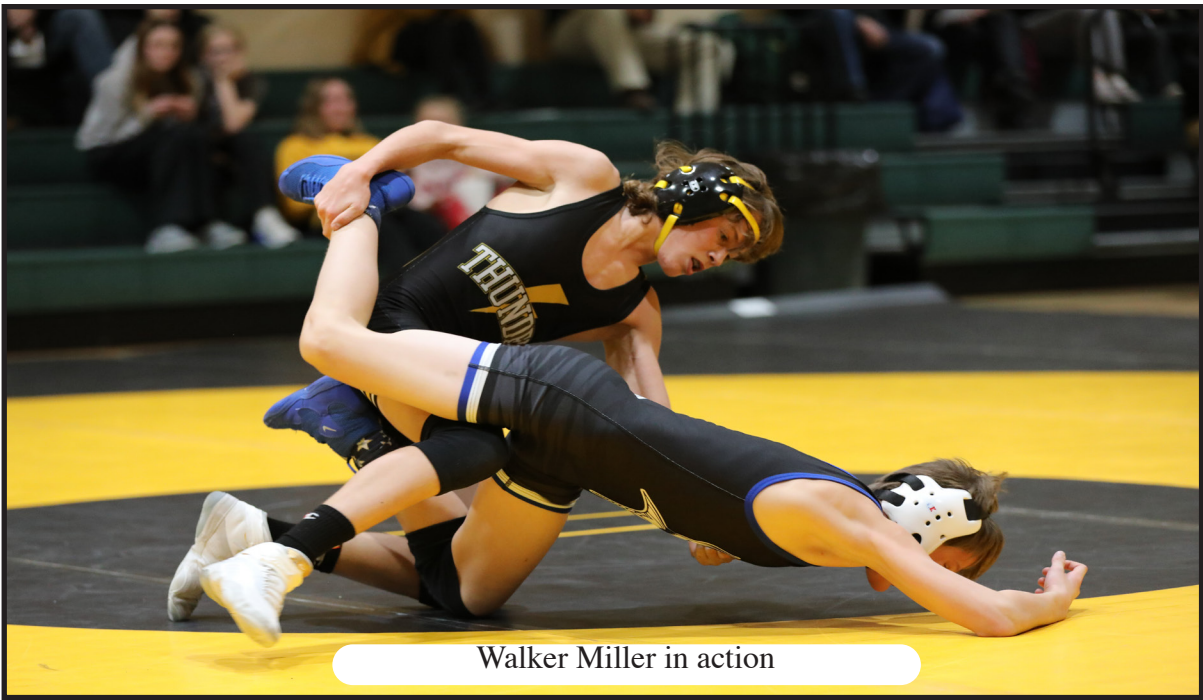


Isaiah Carruth going for the pin at Napoleon

**Roberta Johnson, DC Leader**  
First I want to apologize for being a week late on reporting the Napoleon Early Bird Tournament. Computer issues at the office slowed us down last week.  
The EEK Thunder opened their season at the Early Bird Tournament in Napoleon November 3rd and December 6th they were back in Napoleon for a triangular with Napoleon and Kindred. December 10 they will be in Lisbon for a tournament and December 16 and 17 they conclude 2022 at the Linton tournament.

**Napoleon Early Bird**  
A good start for several wrestlers with several place winners. In the boys division Isaiah Carruth brought home 1st place, Walker Miller, Greg Fuher, Ivan Carruth and Noah Klusmann brought home 2nd place, Max Tjernelund brought home 3rd, Drew Thorpe brought home 4th, Agustin Ocampo brought home 6th and Carson Henningsen brought home 7th. The girls division saw Shelby Miller and Aubrey Fuher placed 1st and Liam Lynn and Hannah Seefeld placed 3rd.  
Shelby Miller, at 120-125 lbs, pinned Jaycelin Coronado of Linton/HMB in 52 seconds, pinned Fatima Garcia Ceja of South Borderat 2:13, and won a major decision over Hope Mittleider of Linton-HMB..  
Audrey Fuher, at 190 lbs, pinned Hannah Seefeld (Ellendale-Edgeley-Kulm) in 43 seconds, pinned Ava Gulleson

(Central Cass) at 3:23, pinned Veda Carlblom of Lisbon in 45 seconds and pinned Ava Carlblom (of Lisbon in 36 seconds.



Walker Miller in action

Liam Glynn, at 145 lbs, pinned Reagan Ulmer of South Border at 1:42, lost an 8-2 decision to Shelby Sherman of Central Cass, lost to Geannie Keller of South Border, and lost to Lois Schneider of Central Cass.  
Hannah Seefeld lost to Ava Gulleson of Central Cass lost to Audrey Fuher of Ellendale-Edgeley-Kulm, pinned Veda Carlblom of Lisbon and pinned Ava Carlblom of Lisbon at 4:48.  
**BOYS**  
Isaiah Carruth at 160 lbs pinned Ryan Woddell of Standing Rock at 3:06, Pinned Cole Nitschke of South Border and won by major decision over Cole Stock

of South Border.  
At 106 lbs, Walker Miller won a 6-3 decision over Hauser Bridwell of Linton-HMB, pinned

Jared Schilling of South Border at 2:45, and lost a 7-0 decision to Dalton Feist of Napoleon G-S.  
At 152 lbs Greg Fuher pinned Blake Ketterling of Linton-HMB and lost to his South Border opponent.  
Ivan Carruth, at 195 lbs, pinned (Helixo Eagle of Standing Rock at 3:20, pinned Devon Gader of Napoleon G-S in 18 seconds and lost a 4-1 decision to Daniel Schumacher of South Border.  
At 220 lbs, Noah Klusmann pinned Gauge Nygaard of Northern Cass in 26 seconds, pinned Raymond Yellow Bird of Standing Rock at 1:29, pinned George Bradley of Standing Rock) in 26 seconds but lost to Shane Nitschke of South Border.  
At 145 lbs, Max Tjernelund pinned Dante Hart of Standing Rock at 1:18, lost to Carson Glaesman of South Border and came back to pin Amos Ramerman of Lisbon in 56 seconds. Max Tjernelund then pinned Micah Redhorse Hart of Standing

Rock at 2:11.  
Drew Thorpe at 160 lbs pinned Zachary Ward of Lisbon in 29 seconds, lost a tight 8-7 decision



Shelby Miller in action at Napoleon

of Napoleon G-S, lost to Aidan Bertsch of South Border.  
At 120 lbs, Carson Henningsen lost to Joseph Keller of South

58 seconds, pinned Uriah Fair of Killdeer at 2:34, and pinned his opponent from West Fargo Liberty in 1:37 to bring home 1st

Border and lost to Kristopher Lybrand of Napoleon G-S.

**Triangular**  
**Kindred 49 Thunder 47**  
Thunder were in Napoleon for a triangular with Kindred and Napoleon.  
At 106 lbs, Walker Miller won a major decision over Gavin Rude. At 113 lbs, Thunder were open, and 120 lbs Brock Johnson defeated Jaeger Sand by a 7-2 decision. At 126 lbs, Myles Thielges beat Carson Henningsen. At 132 lbs, Thunder were open. At 138 lbs, Zander Swenson defeated Ethan McBride. At 145 lbs, Max Tjernelund pinned Jack McDonald. At 1:51 lbs, Greg Fuher won a 10-4 decision over Tanner Menge. At 160 lbs, Isaiah

place.  
At 75 lbs in round 1, Ty Lloyd (Kulm) won a 6-1 decision over Jerrell Vallie of Turtle Mountain and won a 9-2 decision over Jerrell Vallie of Turtle Mountain for 1st place.  
Gage Miller at 80 lbs won a 10-4 decision over Jayden Kuntz of Killdeer, pinned Aiden Bolluyt of West Fargo Liberty at 3:50, lost to Cash Gerhardt of Linton-HMB, and pinned Charles Buckman of Dickinson in 2:39 for 2nd place.  
Carson Henningsen at 122 lbs pinned Terryn DeCoteau of Turtle Mountain in 1:00, pinned Brady Vangorkom of South Border at 1:10, and lost to Wyatt Turner of Dickinson, bringing home 2nd



Jager Sand going for the win

to Cole Stock of South Border, won by a forfeit, and then lost a 7-2 decision to Cole Nitschke of South Border.  
At 170 lbs, Agustin Ocampo lost to Aaron Meier of South Border, lost to Gage McDowell

Carruth Pinned Gavin Niemeyer in 58 seconds. At 170 lbs, Drew Thorpe won by forfeit. At 182 lbs, Lincoln Swenson defeated Agustin Ocampo. At 195 Lbs, Ivan Carruth won by forfeit. At 220 lbs, Noah Klusmann pinned Rodney Wolf in 36 seconds. At 285 lbs Thunder were open.  
**Middle School**  
**Jamestown Tourney**  
Benet Giesler at 178 lbs pinned Aidan Garrido of Mandan in

place.  
Nash Nitschke at 95 lbs lost to Gavin Rude of Kindred, lost to Lander Rice of Killdeer, lost a 2-0 decision to Brody Ptacek of Linton-HMB and won a major decision over Brody Bollinger of Dickinson for 3rd place.

**Photos**  
**By**  
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